

**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO  
ELECTRIC RELIABILITY PROJECT**

**DOCKET No. 04-AFC-1**

**NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Committee will conduct a public Prehearing Conference as follows:

**Monday, April 3, 2006  
Beginning at 10:00 AM  
California Public Utilities Commission  
*Hearing Room A*  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California  
*[Wheelchair Accessible]***

This event is open to the public; interested individuals and government agencies are encouraged to attend.

**Purpose of Prehearing Conference**

The Prehearing Conference is a public forum where the Committee will assess the parties' readiness for evidentiary hearings, identify areas of agreement or dispute, and discuss the remaining schedule and procedures necessary to conclude the certification process. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 20, §1718.5.)

At the Prehearing Conference, all parties (Staff, Applicant, and Intervenors) shall present their respective positions regarding: the substantive topic areas ready for evidentiary hearings; those that require further analysis, including the nature of, and timeframe for, any such analysis; the topic areas that have been resolved; and the topic areas that are disputed and require adjudication. The parties shall also identify proposed witnesses, as well as the time required for direct testimony and/or cross-examination.

Local, state, and federal governmental agencies may participate as necessary.  
(Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 20, § 1714.5.)

### **Prehearing Conference Statements**

To facilitate the process, each party shall serve and file a **Prehearing Conference Statement**. The statements shall be received by the other parties and the Commission's Docket Unit, 1516 9th Street, MS 4, Sacramento, California 95814-5512, no later than **3:00 p.m. on March 17, 2006**. Identify the statements with "Docket No. 04-AFC-1." In addition to providing printed copies, the parties shall e-mail their statements to the Hearing Officer and to those with e-mail addresses as indicated on the Proof-of-Service list.

Each statement shall specify:

1. The topic areas that a party believes are complete and ready to proceed to evidentiary hearings;
2. The topic areas that a party believes are not complete and not yet ready to proceed to evidentiary hearings, and the reasons therefor;
3. The topic areas that remain disputed and require adjudication, and the precise nature of the dispute for each topic;
4. The identity of each witness a party intends to sponsor; the topic area(s) upon which each witness will present testimony; a brief summary of the substantive testimony to

be offered by each witness; qualifications of each witness; and the time required to present direct testimony by each witness;

5. Topic areas upon which a party desires to cross-examine witness(es), a summary of the scope of such cross-examination, and the time desired for such cross-examination;
6. A list identifying exhibits and declarations that each party intends to offer into evidence and the technical topics to which they apply;
7. Proposals for hearing dates, briefing deadlines, vacation schedules, and other scheduling matters; and
8. For all topics, the parties shall review the proposed Conditions of Certification contained in the Final Staff Assessment for enforceability, comprehension, and consistency with the evidence, and submit any proposed modifications.

### **Petitions to Intervene to Become a Formal Party**

The Energy Commission's Decision on the San Francisco Electric Reliability Project will be based on the official evidentiary record developed at the Evidentiary Hearings. These will be scheduled subsequent to the Prehearing Conference.

Anyone with a legitimate interest in the San Francisco Electric Reliability Project may file a Petition to Intervene and become a formal party. Only a formal party may offer testimony and documentary evidence, receive documents filed by other parties, and cross-examine witnesses. However, a formal party must also comply with Committee orders, procedures, and filing requirements, and is subject to discovery and having its own witnesses cross-examined by other parties.

Petitions to Intervene in this case shall be filed no later than adjournment of the Prehearing Conference on **April 3, 2006**. Typically, time extensions for new Intervenor to review existing case materials are not granted after the Prehearing Conference since to do so could delay the proceeding.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser will assist any person or organization interested in preparing a Petition to Intervene. For assistance in this process, contact Margret J. Kim, the Public Adviser, at 916-654-4489 or 800-822-6228 or e-mail at: **[pao@energy.state.ca.us]**.

## **Public Participation**

Members of the general public are welcome to attend and provide public comment at the Prehearing Conference and, later, at the Evidentiary Hearings. It is not necessary to be an Intervenor to participate in the public process. Those desiring information on how to participate should contact the Public Adviser as indicated above.

## **Additional Information**

Technical questions concerning the Project should be addressed to Bill Pfanner, the Staff Project Manager, at (916) 654-4206 or e-mail at: **[bpfanner@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Stanley Valkosky, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 654-3893.

Media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director for Media and Public Communications, at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at: **[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]**.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz at 916-654-5146 at least 5 days in advance of the hearing.

Reports concerning the status of this Project, notices, and other relevant documents are posted on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at:

**[[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sanfrancisco](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sanfrancisco)].**

Dated February 24, 2006, at Sacramento, California.

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JAMES D. BOYD

Commissioner and Presiding Member  
San Francisco Electric Reliability Project AFC Committee

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JOHN L. GEESMAN

Commissioner and Associate Member  
San Francisco Electric Reliability Project AFC Committee

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